

Outdoor Report

The week of September, 15th 2014



South Dakota



Wildlife Division

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- September Canada Goose season runs Sept. 1st – 30th. Daily limit is 15 birds per day.
 - Hunters now need a federal waterfowl stamp to hunt geese.
 - Youth Waterfowl season is this weekend September 20th and 21st.
 - East River Deer applications must be postmarked by September, 26th, or folks can apply online by October 1st, by 8:00 a.m. CDT.
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Brown County



Fishing Report:

Richmond Lake: Anglers are catching Bluegill, Bullheads, Catfish and the occasional Crappie. The Walleye bite has been slow. **Anglers are reminded that Walleye need to be 15 inches or longer to keep.**

Elm Lake: Anglers are catching Walleye, Crappie and Northern Pike. The bite has been inconsistent lately.

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James River: Anglers have been catching Catfish and Bullheads. The Walleye bite has been slow lately.

Elm River: Anglers are catching some Northern Pike and Walleye.



Hunting Report:

Goose Hunting: Hunters had decent success this weekend hunting geese. Hunters have had the best success hunting wheat stubble. Scouting is the key to success. The best goose hunting has been on the eastern side of Brown County. Birds are starting to use silage fields.

Dove: With the cooler weather last week, some doves migrated out of the area. Brown County still has huntable numbers of doves, especially in southern Brown County. Dove hunters are still having the best success in harvested wheat fields or by water.

Clark County



Fishing Report:

Dry Lake #2: The bite continues to be fairly slow. A few fishermen are having success catching some nice Perch and a few Walleyes.

Dry Lake #1: Little activity.

Swan Lake: The bite continues to be slow. A few fishermen are finding some nice sized Walleye and Northern Pike.

Reid Lake: Fishermen are catching a few Walleye in the 12 to 15 inch range and an occasional nice Perch.

Indian Springs: Fishing continues to be slow. A few fishermen are catching some decent sized Walleye and Perch.



Hunting Report:

Goose Hunting: A few more geese have moved into the area. There is a little more opportunity than the past couple of weeks. Hunters are still reporting low success rates.

Codington County



Fishing Report:

Lake Kampeska: Fishing seems to remain the same as last week. Boats seem to be picking up a mix bag of fish. Depends on what they are targeting. Shore fishing seems to be best in the early mornings and evenings.

Pelican Lake: Very slow again this week. No angler reports.

Goose Lake: Limits of Walleye are being caught. Most Walleye are in the 14 inch range with the occasional larger one. A few bonus Perch are also mixed in the live wells.

Long Lake: Boat traffic minimal this week. No reports.

Dry Lake: The bite is pretty consistent again this week. This is still a good lake to catch Walleye and Perch and the occasional Pike.

Grass Lake: No activity.

3rd Ave Pond: Still offering good opportunity to youngsters in and around town to catch Bluegill or Trout.



Hunting Report:

Goose Hunting: Codington County hunter reports indicate decent harvest so far. Most geese are in the western part of the county. Still some good opportunities to bag some geese as temperatures cool off. Just need to put in a little scouting time.

Day County



Fishing Report:

Bitter: Anglers have to sort through numerous smaller Walleye to catch their keepers. The Walleye seem to be moving to shallower water.

Waubay: Anglers are still catching White Bass, Perch and Walleye.

Reetz: Fishing pressure has been steady, usually 3 to 6 boats at the ramp. Anglers are catching a few nice Crappie.

Lynn: The Walleye bite has slowed a bit, but anglers are still getting some nice Walleye and Perch.

Pickrel: Little activity.

Enemy Swim: Bluegill bite has slowed, with a few anglers catching some nice Walleye and Bass.

Blue Dog: Little activity.

Rush: Little activity.

Horseshoe: Little activity.



Hunting Report:

Goose Hunting: Hunters who put the time in to scout are having decent success harvesting birds. Most wheat fields have been harvested and we are starting to see some silage fields, which brings for more opportunity to harvest geese.

Dove: With the cooler temperatures, the majority of doves have left the area.

Deuel County



Fishing Report:

Lake Alice: Anglers are picking up a few Walleye from boats, but the majority of the fish being caught are Northern Pike. Fishing has picked up a little bit from shore in the evenings.

Bullhead Lake: A few Walleye are being caught from boats. Shore fishing has been pretty slow.

Round Lake: A few Northern Pike are being caught from shore.

Lake Oliver: No activity.

School Lake: A few Northern Pike and Bullheads are being caught from shore.

Fish Lake: No activity.

Lake Ketchum: Anglers are still catching some Perch. Most of the Perch are small, but there are a few nicer ones mixed in.

Lake Cochrane: Fishing pressure has been slow.

Clear Lake: Very little fishing activity. A few Northern Pike can be caught from shore. No reports of Walleye activity.



Hunting Report:

Goose Hunting: Hunters have had fair success so far this year. There hasn't been much for hunting pressure. The birds are still scattered throughout the entire county and large groups of birds that are feeding are hard to come by. On average, it seems like most of the fields in the county have 25 to 50 geese feeding in them.

Dove: Hunters have been quite successful this year. The doves are starting to group up into larger flocks. Cooler overnight temperatures may send the birds out of the area, so take advantage of the hunting while it is still possible.

Faulk County



Fishing Report:

Lake Faulkton: No fishing activity observed.



Hunting Report:

Goose Hunting: There are a few pockets of birds in the eastern and northern portions of the county. Scouting is key to finding the fields they are feeding in.

Dove: The colder weather has pushed some of the doves out of the area, but there are still plenty around.

Grant County



Fishing Report:

Big Stone Lake: Perch fishing has been pretty good at times. Anglers are still finding best success using spikes and light tackle. Perch size really varies. Anglers have been having best success fishing the central and southern portions of the lake. No reports of Walleye activity.

Summit Lake: No reports of activity.

Hunter's Quarry: Fishing pressure has been low, but the opportunity to catch Trout still exists.



Hunting Report:

Goose Hunting: Hunters are finding some geese in the area, but have to put on some miles scouting for them.

Dove: Dove hunters are still seeing plenty of birds in the area to hunt. Keys to successful mourning dove hunts start with finding the watering and roosting locations close to a small grain field that doves are keying in on. Evenings has been the best.

Hamlin County



Fishing Report:

Lake Poinsett: The fishing continues to remain slow. No reports of consistent Walleye or Perch coming off the water.

Fedt Slough: A few shore fishermen from time to time are reporting the occasional Walleye or Perch.

Three Buck: Very few boat anglers are trying their luck this week. No report.

Clear Lake (Thomas): Some smaller Walleye being caught.

Lake Norden: No traffic this week on Norden.

Lake Albert: A few boaters reporting some Walleye, otherwise, pretty slow.

Lake Mary/John: No activity.



Hunting Report:

Goose Hunting: Hunting pressure was relatively slow this past week, but the hunters who put the time in scouting were able to find fields and did well. The southeast portion of the county, by Mickelson Marsh, offered the best opportunity, but good numbers of geese can be found in the western part of the county, as well.

Marshall County



Fishing Report:

White Lake: Slow.

Piyas Lake: Anglers are having success catching Walleyes and Perch.

Opitz Lake: Anglers are catching Walleye, with the occasional Perch. Most anglers are pulling bottom bouncers around the shoreline with timber.

South Buffalo: Anglers are catching a few Bluegills, with the occasional Northern Pike.

Stink Lake: Anglers are catching the occasional Walleye.

Cattail Grade: Slow.

Roy Lake: Anglers are catching Walleye and Bass, with the occasional Northern Pike.

Clear Lake: Anglers are catching Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass, Walleye and Bluegill. **Reminder: If you catch a tagged Smallmouth Bass – do not remove the tag; call the number listed on the tag to assist in the current study being conducted on this lake.**



Hunting Report:

Goose Hunting: Canada geese are starting to use corn fields cut for silage. Good numbers of geese have been observed throughout the county. Hunters that are scouting are having the best success.

Dove: Majority of doves have left the area.

McPherson & Edmunds Counties



Fishing Report:

Scatterwood Lake: Fishing has slowed down.

Long Lake: No activity.

Eureka Lake: No activity.

Mina Lake: Very little fishing activity.

Anderson Slough: No activity.



Hunting Report:

Goose Hunting: McPherson County is not holding very many geese. Most geese in this area can be found from Roscoe to Bowdle and up to the Hosmer area. Very little hunting pressure. Hunters hunting in wheat fields are doing the best. No silage has been cut yet in this area.

Dove: Dove numbers went down this week with the colder temperatures. There are still a few pockets of good doves in the Edmunds County area.

Roberts County



Fishing Report:

Lake Traverse: Activity is fair. Anglers are picking up Bluegill and Catfish, with a few Walleye as well.

Dry Wood Lake: Slow with little to no activity.



Hunting Report:

Goose Hunting: Goose hunting has been very good in the northern portion of the county. The hunters having the best success are the ones that are scouting.

Dove: Majority of doves have left the county.

Spink County



Fishing Report:

Twin Lake: Anglers are still catching an occasional Walleye.

Mud Lake: No fishing activity observed.

Cottonwood Lake: Fishing activity is slow.

Redfield Lake: Anglers are catching some Bullheads.

Turtle Creek: No fishing activity observed. The creek has minimal water flow.

James River: Anglers are catching some nice Catfish.



Hunting Report:

Goose Hunting: Silage fields can be found in the eastern part of the county. There are pockets of good numbers of birds scattered throughout the area.

Dove: There are still decent numbers of doves in the county. The recent cold weather has pushed some doves out of the area.